



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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BLM pile burning on Douglas Mountain

Moffat County, Colo. – Fire managers from the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit are planning to burn approximately 25 piles of ponderosa pine slash Wed. or Thurs., Feb. 15 or 16, if weather permits. The project area is seven miles west of Greystone on Bureau of Land Management public land in western Moffat County. The project is expected to be completed in one day.

The piles are located within the perimeter of a larger planned prescribed burn and are being burned now in order to reduce an overabundance of burnable material. This will make the larger prescribed fire project safer and less costly.

“Right now the ideal amount of snow is on the ground to prevent fire from spreading beyond the piles but not so much as to make pile burning difficult,” said BLM Fuels Specialist Dale Beckerman.

Smoke may be visible from Highway 318.

Weather and fuel-moisture conditions will be closely monitored, and the burn will only be initiated if conditions are ideal. Each prescribed burn conducted by the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit has a detailed fire plan developed in advance, along with appropriate smoke permits obtained from the State of Colorado.

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